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SUBJECT: NEW CISL SECRETARIAT DESIGNATED

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- 1. CISL GENERAL COUNCIL, INCLUDING 30 MEMBERS ELECTED BY JUST-CONCLUDED CONGRESS, SELECTED ITS NEW SECRETARIAT JUNE 23. AS EXPECED, BRUNO STORTI WAS RECONFIRMED SECGEN. LUIGO MACARIO, FORMER METAL-WORKER LEADER, WAS NAMED TO THE DEPSECGEN SLOT. INSTEAD OF FUTILELY COESING MACARIO, OPPOSITION LEADER VITO SCALIA CHOSE TO WITHDRAW HIS NAME FROM COSIDERATION FOR ANY SECRETARIAT POSITION. SCALIA DID PLEDGE TO CONTINUE WORKING IN THE CISL IN THE WORKERS' INTEREST, LEAVING HIS SPECIFIC FUTURE PLANS VAGUE. IN ADDIION TO STORTI AND MACARIO SIX OTHER MEMBERS OF THE STORTI GROUP WERE ELECTED TO THE SECRETARIAT. THEY ARE IDOLO MARCONI, GIUSEPPE REGGIO, MICELANGELO CIANCAGLINI, GIANCARLO BALDINI, ROBERTO ROMEI, AND MANLIO SPANDONARO. THREE SECRETARIAT SEATS ALLOCAED TO THE MINORITY WERE FILLED BY FRANCO MARINI. LEANDRO TACCONI AND FANTONI.
- 2. IN SPITE OF STORTI GROUP SOLID CONTROL OF SECRETARIAT AND COMFORTABLE MAJORITY GENERAL COUNCIL, ABOUT 62 PERCENT OF THE 137- MAN BODY, ACTUAL RANK AND FILE STRENGTH OF PRESENT MAJORITY/ MINORITY IS CLOSER TO 56/46 PERCENT. (FACT THAT FOUR- FIFTHS OF THOSE GENERAL COUNCIL SEATS FILLED AT CONGRESS GO TO MAJORITY DISTORTS STRENGTH.) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SINCE IMPORTANT DECISIONS REQUIRE TWO- THIRDS VOTE IN GENERAL COUNCIL AND SINCE ALL AWARE OF RESPECTIVE GROUP STRENGTH, CISL UNLIKELY MOVE PRECIPITOUSLY ON UNITY OR OTHER ISSUES WHERE CONSENSUS LACKING. DIRECTION, AT LEAST, IN WHICH MAJORITY WILL MOVE CISL IS CLEAR ON UNITY ISSUE, LESS SO ON TRADE UNION ROLE IN SOCIETY. VOLPE

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